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VIA AIR COURIER

January 4, 1996

Ms. Mildred Lee Recordations Unit **Interstate Commerce Commission** 12th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Lee:

Enclosed are two (2) originals of the Memorandum of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of September 29, 1995 between the following parties:

Lessor:

Helm Financial Corporation

One Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700

San Francisco, CA 94111

Lessee:

Gateway Western Railway Company

15 Executive Drive

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

The equipment involved in this transaction is as follows:

Equipment:

One (1) SW1500 diesel-electric locomotive (See Schedule A

attached for reporting mark & numbers.)

Please file this agreement as a primary document. The filing fee of \$21.00 is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Chris Dilley

Administrative Assistant

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Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM OF NET LOCOMOTIVE LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF NET LOCOMOTIVE LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Memorandum") is made as of September 29, 1995 and is intended to evidence that certain Net Lease Agreement dated as of September 29, 1995 (the "Lease") between HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor"), and GATEWAY WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation ("Lessee"), for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of recordation with the Interstate Commerce Commission under Section 49 of U.S.C. 11303. Lessor has the right to lease the locomotive, more fully described in Schedule A hereto (the "Unit"). Lessee leased from Lessor the Unit at the Rent and upon the terms and conditions provided in the Lease.

The Lease and the Unit cannot be assigned, subleased or in way encumbered without the prior written consent of Lessor. In the Event of Default, as such term is defined in the Lease, Lessee assigns any and all subleases to Lessor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum to be executed by their duly authorized representative as of the day and year first above written.

LESSOR	LESSEE
HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION	GATEWAY WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
By: pally	By: Cluf therman
Print Name: Richard C. Kirchner	Print Name: PAUL M 181372403
Its: President	Its: VICE PRESIDENT-ENGINEERING GATEWAY WESTERN RAILWAY CO.

SCHEDULE A TO THE MEMORANDUM OF LEASE

THE UNIT

Equipment Description:

One (1), 1500 horsepower, SW1500 diesel-electric locomotive with flexicoil trucks; built by General Motors Corporation (Electro-Motive Division) in 1972.

Old Reporting Mark and Number Mark and Number

New Reporting

HLCX 1507

GWWR 1505

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)) SS.
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)
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personally known to me -OR-
proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.
EMMA SUSAN ORTEGA COMM. #1067929 Notary Public — California SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY My Comm. Expires JUN 16,1999 SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY EMMA SUSAN ORTEGA COMM. #1067929 Notary Public — California SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY My Comm. Expires JUN 16,1999 SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY
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STATE OF ILLINO()) COUNTY OF ST CCAIR) SS.
on DEC. S 1995, before me, PAUL M. FETTERMAN personally appeared VICE, DRESIDENT, of GATEWAY WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.
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"OFFICIAL SEAL" JOHN M. NELSON NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 5/2/99 SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

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